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MULTI CAMPUS UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the University Grants Commission has approved a plan toallow existing universities to become "Multi-Campus" universities;

(b) if so, the criteria laid down by the UGC for universities to be eligible for such a status;

(c) whether any universities have applied for "Multi-Campus" status in 2001-2002;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of any permission granted by UGC to such universities to start functioning on the Multi-Campus basis?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): A University can be a single campus or a multi-campus institution depending upon the relevant provisions in the Act of the concerned institution as well as the higher educational needs of the concerned region. UGC has recently allowed Deemed Universities to set up academic centres in any part of the country or abroad. The conditions covering the opening of academic centres by the Deemed Universities are as follows:-

(i) The centres shall be set up with the prior approval of the UGC and that of the State Government where the centre(s) is/are proposed to be opened.

(ii) Starting various academic courses shall be subject to the approval of the UGC.

(iii) Admission procedure and fee fixation for students shall be in accordance with the norms/rules prescribed by the UGC.

(iv) The overall performance of the Centre shall be monitored annually by the UGC whose directions for management, academic development and improvement shall be binding on the Deemed to be University.

(v) If the Centre does not fulfil UGC's directions and recommendations and its performance remains unsatisfactory for three years, the UGC on the basis of the recommendations of the Monitoring Review Committee, can direct the Deemed University to close down the Centre in which event the liabilities of such Centre shall be taken over by the concerned Deemed University.

(vi) It would be permissible for the Deemed Universityto open academic centre(s) not only anywhere in India but also in any of the foreign countries. The academic centre(s) in the foreign countries shall be opened only after the due permission from the Government of India/UGC and also that of the Government of the host country.

(vii) In case of foreign campus/campuses, the remittance of funds shall be governed by the Reserve Bank of India rules.

(c) to (e): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the Commission receivedproposals from the following five universities to start study centres:-

(i) Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani (Rajasthan) to start the Study Centre at Dubai.

(ii) Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi (Bihar) to start the Study Centre in Behrain.

(iii) Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal (Karnataka) to start Study Centres abroad at Malaysia, Dubai and Oman

and in India at Bangalore, Surat (Gujarat), Satna (Madhya Pradesh), Goa, Delhi and Trichurapalli (Tamil Nadu).

(iv) Osmania University, Hyderabad.

(v) University of Mumbai, Mumbai.

The proposals of BITS, Pilani and BIT, Mesra have been approved by the UGC. The UGC has also approved the proposal of MAHE for starting study centres at Malaysia, Dubai, Oman and Bangalore.